

Iowa Women's History Quiz:

Test Your Knowledge of Iowa's Female Leaders

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

1. **Who was the first woman attorney in the United States?**
(Hint: She was a native Iowan and passed the bar examination in Henry County in 1869.)
2. **Two leaders of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the latter half of the 1880s came from Iowa. Can you name them?**
(Hint: One gave her name to a type of undergarment worn by women...the other succeeded Susan B. Anthony as president of the National Woman Suffrage Association.)
3. **What woman founded the Iowa Highway Patrol?**
(Hint: She was also Iowa's first female Secretary of State.)
4. **Who was the first woman elected to statewide office in Iowa?**
(Hint: She was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1922.)
5. **Who was the first woman to serve in the Iowa House of Representatives?**
(Hint: She was first elected in 1928. She also went on to become the first woman elected to the Iowa Senate.)
6. **Who was the first woman appointed as a Superintendent of a City School District in the United States?**
(Hint: She was appointed superintendent of schools in Davenport in 1874. Naturally, she had to fight to receive the same salary the school district had to pay men. She won!)
7. **Who was the first woman elected Lieutenant Governor of Iowa?**
(Hint: It was before Joy Corning.)
8. **Who was the first woman appointed to serve on the Iowa Supreme Court?**
(Hint: She was appointed in 1986.)
9. **Who was the first African-American woman to serve in the State Legislature?**
(Hint: She was also the first woman Assistant Polk County Attorney.)
10. **Who was the first writer of the Nancy Drew Series?**
(Hint: She used the pen name Carolyn Keene and she was the first woman to earn an M.A. in journalism from the University of Iowa.)
11. **Who was the only woman to help found the National Bar Association?**

(Hint: She served as Iowa's only practicing female African-American lawyer for decades.)

Answers

1. Arabella Mansfield
2. Amelia Jenks Bloomer & Carrie Chapman Catt
3. Ola Babcock Miller
4. Mary E. Francis
5. Carolyn Pendray
6. Phebe Sudlow
7. JoAnn Zimmerman
8. Linda K. Neuman
9. Willie Stevenson Glanton
10. Mildred Wirt Benson
11. Gertrude Durden Rush